various private sector steel investors with the State Governments intending to set up nearly 243 million tonnes of additional steel capacity in the country. Based on this projection and the plan set out by public sector steel units, it is estimated that country's steel production capacity can be 293 million tonnes by 2019-20. However, this estimation will depend upon sustenance of current steel demand as well as successful implementation of all intended investment projects.

The Government has approved National Mineral Policy, 2008 and along with it has also given in-principle approval to the High Level Committee's (Hoda Committee) recommendations on the basis of consultations with State Governments, Inter-Ministerial consultations and recommendations of the Group of Ministers (GOM). The NMP, 2008 aims at developing the country's mining sector to its full potential so as to put the nation's mineral resources to best use and thereby maximise sectoral contribution to the Gross Domestic Product.

12.00 Noon

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, (PROF. P.J. KURIEN), in the Chair.]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report (2007-08) and Accounts (2006-07) of ICAR, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, for the year 2007-2008.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, for year 2006-2007, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (b) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8667/08]

Outcome Budget (2008-09) of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): Sir, on behalf of Shri Mahavir Prasad, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Outcome Budget for the year 2008-09 of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8555/08]

Report and Accounts (2006-07) of the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training, New Delhi, for the year 2006-07, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8608/08]